

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently amended): A melt-blow head according to claim 18, wherein the nozzle bar is laterally enclosed by air feed blocks with horizontal and vertical walls, said air feed blocks being arranged parallel to the row of nozzle bores and contacted by the nozzle bar with a step with horizontal and vertical legs, a slot-plate in contact with each air feed block against a stop leaving open a space with respect to the air feed block for supplying the blow air to the longitudinal slots.
3. (Currently amended): A melt-blow head according to claim 18, wherein the melt pipe is provided in the region of the connector with a shut-off valve.
4. (Currently amended): A melt-blow head according to claim 18, wherein the melt pipe is movable with its connector, with the latter removed, in relation to the inlet.
5. (Currently amended): A melt-blow head according to claim 18, wherein the connector has a deformable seal.
6. (Currently amended): A melt-blow head according to claim 18, wherein the slot-plates extend in a concave rounded section on a side opposite the nozzle bar.
7. (Currently Amended): A melt-blow head according to claim 18, further comprising a second distributor.
8. (Previously Presented): A melt-blow head according to claim 7, wherein melt is fed through the second distributor.

9. (Previously Presented): A melt-blow head according to claim 2, wherein the melt pipe is provided in the region of the connector with a shut-off valve.

10. (Previously Presented): A melt-blow head according to claim 2, wherein the melt pipe is movable with its connector, with the latter removed, in relation to the inlet.

11. (Previously Presented): A melt-blow head according to claim 2, wherein the connector has a deformable seal.

12. (Previously Presented): A melt-blow head according to claim 2, wherein the slot-plates extend in a concave rounded section on a side opposite the nozzle bar.

13. (Currently Amended): A melt-blow head according to claim 319, wherein the connector has a deformable seal.

14. (Currently Amended): A melt-blow head according to claim 319, wherein the melt pipe is movable with its connector, with the latter removed, in relation to the inlet.

15. (Currently Amended): A melt-blow head according to claim 319, wherein the slot-plates extend in a concave rounded section on a side opposite the nozzle bar.

16. (Previously Presented): A melt-blow head according to claim 4, wherein the slot-plates extend in a concave rounded section on a side opposite the nozzle bar.

17. (Previously Presented): A melt-blow head according to claim 5, wherein the slot-plates extend in a concave rounded section on a side opposite the nozzle bar.

18. (Currently Amended): A melt-blow head comprising:  
a rectilinear row of nozzle bores arranged in a nozzle bar, the nozzle bores configured to produce endless filaments formed from a melt and associated with blowing

slots in the form of longitudinal slots of two slot-plates for feeding blowing air at an angle to the nozzle bores to which the melt is fed through a distributor;

wherein the nozzle bar is fixed in a defined position with respect to the slot-plates and removable therefrom in a vertical direction;

wherein the distributor is configured to supply the melt through a feeding pipe, the feeding pipe being configured to lead the melt from as lateral inlet via a redirecting means in a longitudinal direction to the distributor, the lateral inlet and redirecting means being housed in the nozzle bar; and

wherein the lateral inlet is connected to a melt pipe through a removable connector; ~~the removable connector positioned and configured to be removable in a vertical direction.~~

19. (Currently Amended): A melt-blow head comprising:

a rectilinear row of nozzle bores arranged in a nozzle bar, the nozzle bores configured to produce endless filaments formed from a melt and associated with blowing slots in the form of longitudinal slots of two slot-plates for feeding blowing air at an angle to the nozzle bores to which the melt is fed through a distributor;

wherein the nozzle bar is fixed in a defined position with respect to the slot-plates and removable therefrom in a vertical direction;

wherein the distributor is configured to supply the melt through a feeding pipe, the feeding pipe being configured to lead the melt from as lateral inlet via a redirecting means in a longitudinal direction to the distributor, the lateral inlet and redirecting means being housed in the nozzle bar; and

wherein the lateral inlet is connected to a melt pipe through a removable connector; ~~the removable connector positioned and configured to be removable in a vertical direction;~~  
and

wherein no feeding pipes are positioned above the nozzle bar.